Punjab has also been allocated two growth centres under the new scheme.

During the years 1985-86 to 1987-88, financial institutions have disbursed the following amounts to Punjab:—

Disbursed in crores (Rs.)

	Punjab	Total disbursed	%age
1985-86	109.13	4657.53	2.3
1986-87	164.82	5401.01	3.1
1987-88	262.66	6600.91	4

Floating of companies by Peerless General Finance and investment company

@1349. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Peerless General Finance and Investment Company has floated three companies viz., Peerless Drive (Private) Limited, Peerless Developing Limited and Peerless Finance Service Limited;

(b) if so, to what extent the assets of the parent organisation have been utilised in setting up these companies;

(c) whether approval of the Central Government was sought in the matter; and

(d) if so, the specific areas in which these companies are supposed to function?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

@Previously Unstarred Question 330 transferred from the 20th July, 1989.

Increase in the prices of cement

@@1350. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that following the withdrawal of levy quota of cement and dispensing with the fair price distribution of cement, the open market prices of cement have been soaring very high, much against expectations;

(b) if so, the extent of increase in open market cement prices registered so far since the withdrawal of levy quota, indicating the earlier and the latest prevailing prices; and

(c) what steps have been taken and are being taken to protect the consumers' interests?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) There was an increase

@@Previously Unstarred Question 447 transferred from the 21st July, 1989.

in the retail price of cement in some cities during April—June this year. However, the price increase could be due to several reasons, like (a) increase in the cost of inputs like coal, power, rail freight etc.; (b) marginal increase in excise duty, and (c) seasonal rise in the demand of cement, as it is the peak period for construction activities. With the onset of monsoon, however, prices have reportedly declined in some places. The price of cement at important consumption centres is attached. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 93].

After withdrawal of control on price and distribution of cement, it is now readily available in the market and its price is determined by the play or market forces. The Development Commissioner for Cement Industry has been advised to keep a close watch on the price movement and monitor the same.

Sales turnover of Captopril, Glipizide and Oxyfedrine Hcl

@1351. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:
DR. (SHRIMATI): SAROJINI MAHISHI:
SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1650 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 9th May, 1989 and state:

(a) what is the basis for fixing the sales turn-over of Captopril Glipizide and Oxyfedrine Hcl at less than rupees fifty lacs by the experts when the data given by Government gives the contrary position; and

(b) what are the reasons for non inclusion of these drugs under price control when the landed cost of import of each was more than rupees fifty lacs during 1986?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL): (a) and (b) The Kelkar Committee had recommended drugs for inclusion under price control after considering various exclusion criteria adopted by them.

Opening sought from the Ministry by Kelkar Committee on Sex Hormones

@@1352. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kelkar Committee sought opinion from Government in regard to sex hormones;

(b) what are the names of drugs marketed for sex hormones in India;

(c) what is the composition/under which each has been allowed;

(d) whether it is a fact that Government has opined that sex hormone drugs are not essential;

(e) if so, on what basis Government came to the conclusion;

(f) whether it is a fact that experts of Govertment in the Kelkar Committee agreed thereto;

(g) whether it is also a fact that the Kelkar Committee recommended for price decontrol on this opinion;

(h) whether any of these drugs are imported;

(i) if so, the names of the drugs and the quantity and CIF value of each imported during the last three years, yearwise; and

(j) what is the price of each leading brand of each drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF

@Previously Unstarred Question 714 transferred from the 25th July, 1989.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 818 transferred from the 25th July, 1989.